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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, rejecting claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-67, and 113-124 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are U.S. Pat. No. 6,440,520, (Baglin), U.S. Pat. No. 5,395,498, (Gombinsky), U.S. Pat. No. 6,331,364 (Baglin), U.S. Pat. No. 6,355,491 (Zhou), U.S. Pat. No. 4,397,560 (Andresen), and U.S. Pat. No. 6,432,630 (Blankenstein). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 of this paper. No new matter is added by the amendments.

Remarks begin on p. 13 of this paper.